

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BYU BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK: SR SURVEYS THE CAMPUS

AS PART OF THE REVIEW'S FOCUS ON BYU AND BYU STUDENTS THIS WEEK, WE DECIDED TO SURVEY THE CAMPUS TO MEASURE THE ATTITUDES, ACTIONS AND OPINIONS OF BYU STUDENTS. SO, SR SURVEYED 100 STUDENTS ON CAMPUS BY STATIONING OUR SURVEYS NEXT TO THE SWKT, JSB, HBL, SFLC, JKHB, AARB AND THE ESC AND RANDOMLY SELECTED VERY TENTH STUDENT THAT PASSED BY. LISTED BELOW ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE ASKED AND THE PERCENTAGES WE CAME UP WITH.

DEMOGRAPHIC

What year are you in your schooling?

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| 1st | 30% |
| 2nd | 17% |
| 3rd | 25% |
| 4th | 19% |
| 5th | 8% |

What is your yearly income? (Include all rents, loans, scholarships, gifts and job revenues.)

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|-------------------|-----|
| 0-\$5,000 | 51% |
| \$5,001-\$7,500 | 26% |
| \$7,501-\$10,000 | 10% |
| \$10,001-\$12,500 | 3% |
| \$12,501-\$15,000 | 2% |
| 15,001 and up | 5% |

What percentage of your income do you send in Utah County?

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| 1-20% | 5% |
| 21-40% | 6% |
| 41-60% | 9% |
| 61-80% | 30% |
| 80-100% | 50% |

RELIGION

Which type of church do you most frequently attend?

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| Mormon | 98% |
| Catholic | 0% |
| Protestant | 1% |
| Other | 1% |

Do you feel the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints is the only true church?

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| Unsure | 4% |
| Yes | 90% |
| No | 6% |

How many times a week do you read scriptures your religion considers sacred?

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| one | 8% |
| two | 11% |
| three | 11% |
| four | 10% |
| five | 14% |
| more than five times | 33% |
| read less than once a week | 9% |

Do you feel BYU's religion requirements are too stringent?

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| Yes | 24% |
| Unsure | 9% |
| No | 67% |

Do you feel that religion classes should be graded the same as other university classes?

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| No | 47% |
| Yes | 38% |
| Unsure | 14% |

Do you feel that academic freedom exists at BYU for both professors and students?

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|--------|-----|
| Yes | 68% |
| Unsure | 18% |
| No | 14% |

EDUCATION

How would you rate your education at BYU?

On the whole, how would you rate your professors?

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|----------------------|-----|
| very unqualified | 9% |
| somewhat qualified | 13% |
| unqualified | 14% |
| very qualified | 24% |
| somewhat unqualified | 6% |
| qualified | 44% |

What is your main reason in pursuing a university education?

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|--------------------|-----|
| to make more money | 30% |
| to learn | 64% |
| social life | 3% |
| to leave home | 3% |
| Why do you date? | 5% |
| for fun | 69% |
| to get married | 19% |
| social pressure | 1% |
| Church duty | 0% |
| other | 11% |

How many hours a week do you study for all your classes?

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| 5 | 4% |
| 6-10 | 23% |
| 11-15 | 27% |
| 16-20 | 24% |
| more than 20 | 21% |

Do you feel you can discuss controversial topics in your classes without being considered strange by your classmates?

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| Yes | 40% |
| Unsure | 24% |
| No | 35% |

Do you think your professors genuinely care about you?

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| Unsure | 30% |
| No | 12% |
| Yes | 58% |

If you felt that a professor taught information that contradicted teachings of the LDS Church, would you report that professor to his/her department chair?

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| No | 50% |
| Yes | 14% |
| Unsure | 36% |

If you caught someone cheating, would you report that person to Standards?

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| Unsure | 29% |
| No | 60% |
| Yes | 11% |

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How would you describe the academic atmosphere at BYU?

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|-----------------|-----|
| very closed | 6% |
| somewhat open | 32% |
| closed | 6% |
| very open | 7% |
| somewhat closed | 22% |
| open | 28% |

After being accepted by BYU as a student, have you ever drank alcohol, smoked tobacco, or used illegal drugs?

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| Unsure | 1% |
| No | 88% |
| Yes | 11% |

What is the word that most closely defines your sexual orientation?

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| gay | 5% |
| straight | 95% |
| lesbian | 0% |

Do you know any gay men or lesbian women who are attending or have attended BYU?

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| Yes | 22% |
| Unsure | 6% |
| No | 72% |

POLITICAL

What political party do you identify with?

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| Democrat | 15% |
| Republican | 70% |
| Other | 15% |
| | |

Do you consider yourself politically aware of national and world events?

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| Yes | 77% |
| No | 22% |
| Unsure | 1% |

Do you support President Bush?

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| No | 13% |
| Unsure | 0% |
| Yes | 84% |

Do you think going to war with Iraq was the correct thing to do?

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| Unsure | 4% |
| No | 7% |
| Yes | 89% |

Do you think anti-war protesters have the right to demonstrate their opposition to the war?

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| Yes | 89% |
| Unsure | 9% |
| No | 2% |

Do you think anti-war protesters should place a peace booth on BYU campus?

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| No | 38% |
| Yes | 49% |
| Unsure | 13% |

| How does BYU compare? | Number of Students | Percent minorities | Average undergrad age | Percent in ten percent |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| BYU | 27,973 | 3% | 22.5 | 35% |
| Harvard | 6,587 | 20% | 20 | 95% |
| UCLA | 21,997 | 40% | 21 | not available |
| U of NC Chapel Hill | 14,208 | 8% | not available | 81% |
| U of Texas Austin | 41,859 | 24% | 21 | 60% |
| Arizona State University | 32,606 | 15% | 22 | 23% |
| Michigan State | 34,829 | 8% | 21 | 31% |
| Purdue | 29,674 | 10% | 21 | 59% |

¹of high school graduating class

²of total applicants

